

## DRAFT GULF RATIONALIZATION DOCUMENT

In April, the Council's Gulf Co-op Committee received an industry presentation of the following draft document and approved distributing it to the public to begin the process of public comment on reducing effort in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. The committee welcomes comments, criticism, and other proposals. The committee will present a revised document and any comments received by the Council on this draft at the June 2000 Council meeting in Portland under the Staff Tasking agenda item. **Comments should be directed to Chairman Lauber at the Council office by mail or FAX by May 31.** Email comments will not be accepted. Contact Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, regarding questions on this proposal and other committee work. The committee may reconvene during the June meeting. The committee at that time may request that the Council initiate an analysis of the revised draft.

**Note: The Council has not formally reviewed this document or taken any position on it.**

### GULF RATIONALIZATION

1. Areas 620, 630, 640
2. Initial harvest allocation will all be unblocked, and can be leased, sold and consolidated.
3. Any one entity will be limited to X% of the total allowable catch.

### HARVESTERS

1. All harvesters must be LLP qualified.  
**Exemption: Except vessels, which did not apply for an LLP because the vessel fished Federal fisheries only in State waters.**
2. A vessel over 60 feet LOA must have made two landing in any two different years from 1995 through 2000.
3. A vessel under 60 feet LOA must have made one landing in any year from 1995 through 2000.

### PROCESSORS

1. Long-term processors  
Processors, which processed at least 2000 MT of federally managed Groundfish during any one of the qualifying years from 1995 through 2000.  
Note: Black Cod IFQ's will not be included in the 2000 MT aggregate.
2. Open class processors  
Any processor that processed federally managed Groundfish.
3. Historical port of landing. All harvesters will deliver to historical ports of landings.  
**Exemption: Vessels that choose to fish open access.**

### HARVESTERS/PROCESSORS

1. Vessels over 60 feet will only be qualified to fish for **long-term** processors.  
**Exemption: Vessels who historically delivered to open class processors.**
2. Vessel 60 feet and under will be qualified to fish for **long-term** and **open class** processors.

#### DOOLEY/HALL CONCEPT

1. Coop vessels will enter into a yearly contract with processors for all federal Groundfish species.
2. If a plant chooses not to process a particular species that coop member then has the right to a secondary contract with another processor.

#### CO-OPS

1. All vessels have the ability to coop.
2. All processors have the ability to coop.
3. Vessels over 60 feet will only be able to coop with Long Term Processors.
4. Vessels under 60 feet will be able to coop with either Long Term or Open Class Processors.
5. Any vessels that do not want to coop will take their history into an open access fishery. That fishery will be managed by NMFS.
6. Open access fisheries will be in three categories.
  - a. 60 and under
  - b. Over 60
  - c. Any vessel that chooses to fish open access will be allowed to fish and deliver to Long-Term or Open Class processors in all regions.

#### ALLOCATION CRITERIA

1. Vessels over 60 feet. Best two-year average 1995 through 2000.
2. Vessels under 60 feet. Best one year 1995 through 2000.
3. Vessels that participate in the 2000 Opilio Crab Fisheries will not be allowed to use 2000 as an allocation year.